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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND VARIOUS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
AT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR

REF: STATE 27026

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY DEMARCHE FEB 13, FONOFF DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS (HADDAD) INFORMS US THAT GOL AGREES WITH US POSITION RE PRG ATTENDANCE AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND HAS INSTRUCTED LEBANESE DEL IN GENEVA TO OPPOSE INVITATION TO PRG. IF, HOWEVER, OTHER ARAB STATES AT GENEVA SHOULD ADOPT COMMON POSITION IN FAVOR OF INVITING PRG, LEBANESE DEL WILL ABSTAIN IN ANY VOTE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. LEBANESE DEL ALSO HAS INSTRUCTINS ABSTAIN IN ALL VOTES RE INVITATIONS TO VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS WULD BE IF OTHER ARAB STATES ADOPT COMMON POSITION IN FAOVR OF INVITING PLO, IN WHICH CASE LEBANESE DEL WOULD BE FORCED TO VOTE IN VAOR.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE GOL SYMPATHIZES IN PRINCIPLE WITH OUR

POSITION RE UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCORDING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
EQUAL STATUS WITH STATES PARTY TO GENEVA CONVENTIONS, IT
PATENTLY UNABLE--FOR DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTER-ARAB CONSIDERA-
TIONS--TO BREAK RANKS WITH OTHER ARAB GOVTS ON QUESTION
(SHOULD IT ARISE) IF INVITING PLO, WHICH RECENTLY RECOGNIZED
AT ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN ALGIERS AS "LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". HOUGHTON

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